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In reply refer to
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Dear [redacted]

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Reference is made to our discussions regarding our mutual concern about the necessity for insuring availability of channels of communication for the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency in the event of emergency.

It is our understanding that it might be possible to establish at a location available to you, communications facilities which could serve our needs should any eventuality render present State Department facilities inoperable. We estimate that approximately 4,000 square feet of floor space would be required to accommodate telegraphic and cryptographic equipment necessary to provide minimum facilities for this purpose. Our estimate of equipment cost is approximately \$70,000, while it should be possible to construct the building space required for something in the neighborhood of \$50,000. While we are prepared to finance the major portion of the equipment cost, limitations on funds available to us would make it necessary to ask your assistance in providing the building costs.

It is contemplated that such a standby facility would be maintained in a partially operating condition. This would necessitate not more than four or five people maintaining residence within a reasonable distance of the facility, but not necessarily on the premises. It would not be necessary that other employees reside nearby.

We would appreciate your consideration of this proposal in view of the mutual benefit to be derived by our respective agencies from such association of interests.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. Wright
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